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SMITH HOPES TO LAND BY A RECOUNT

ASKED IT IN SAGINAW AND
THEN VINCENT FILES IN
OTHER COUNTIES.

Vincent By 140 Canvass Shows

The Eighth Congressional district, comprising the counties of Saginaw, Shiawassee, Clinton, Ionia, Montcalm and Gratiot, will see a recount of the vote for the Republican nomination for congress before the final winner is determined results since last Thursday have determined.

On Friday representatives of William M. Smith of St. Johns were in Saginaw, meeting with the Saginaw county board of canvassers and with representatives of Bird J. Vincent, who apparently has won the nomination. They said then that they expected to file a petition for a recount of the Saginaw county vote, Chairman Baird of the Saginaw county Republican committee then said that if a recount was asked in Saginaw by Smith, that Vincent would ask for a recount in the other counties, in order to protect himself. The Smith representatives decided to wait until Saturday before reaching a final decision.

Saturday the petition for the recount was filed in Saginaw county, possible errors being the basis on which the recount was asked for. The Vincent representatives immediately filed petitions in the other counties for a recount, basing the reason on the same ground that the Smith representatives had used in Saginaw county. Neither side charges the least unfairness in the vote counting.

Information the first of this week indicates that the total plurality for Bird J. Vincent in the hot congressional nomination battle, based on the official canvass in the six counties of the district, was 140 votes. This is the closest finish that the eighth congressional ever saw in a primary race or election. Unless some radical errors are discovered in the recount, which is always possible, although not probable, Mr. Vincent will be the nominee of the Republicans. It is very possible that some small errors will be found which will change the total vote slightly, and these are just as liable to increase the Vincent total as to lessen it, if such errors are found.

In Clinton, Shiawassee and Ionia counties the recount of the congressional votes for the four candidates started on Tuesday. In Montcalm county the recount is to start on Monday. Saginaw will start to recount her ballots on Friday. Gratiot's recount will begin on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Just how soon the recount figures will be ready is not known of course, but it is rather expected that the recount of the congressional vote will be completed within the coming week, when any uncertainty as to the winner will be removed.

Synod Meeting in Alma Next Year

The Presbyterian Synod of Michigan has selected Alma as the meeting place for the sessions of the Synod next year, accepting an invitation of Alma College to meet in this city from June 27 to July 3 in the College buildings.

The delegates to the Synod will be housed in the dormitories of the College.

If this arrangement proves satisfactory there is every reason to believe that Alma may become the permanent meeting place for the convention.

During the past week Dr. Gelston was at Detroit with Present H. M. Crooks and Professor Hamilton of Alma College attending the meetings of the Synod. The meetings this year were much different from those of former years. Previously the sessions have been confined almost entirely to business, but this year by pre-arrangement the length of time used in the convention was doubled and over half of the time each day spent in conferences and in hearing speakers on subjects having to do with the problems of the day. Robert E. Spear and Dr. Vance were among the better known speakers at the Synod sessions.

ISABELLA CONVENTION

The annual Isabella county Sunday school convention is to be held at Blanchard on October 5 and 6, and is expected to prove the most interesting convention of the kind ever held in that county. President Warriner of Mt. Pleasant Normal, Rev. Henry Morgan of Mt. Pleasant and other well known speakers are on the program of the convention.

Nick Nicks 'Em With His Offers

Nick Bardaville & Company, owners of the European Cafe and the Strand Sweet Shop have nicknamed the Alma High and Alma College athletes right where they live, and have dug down into a warm spot in their hearts through an announcement that they have made.

After every game played by the high school team the team is due for a feed by the concern so the announcement goes. Not only will the European and Strand feed the "brutes" after their gridiron frays, but is also planning on a little present at the end of the season as a recognition of the work during the football year.

At Alma College the offer is slightly different, but it is a good one that "Nick" and his bunch hold forth. After every victory put over by the college football team the European will put up a feed for the men. At the close of the season the men will each receive a gift also.

Mr. Bardaville stated Tuesday that what money he had made in Alma and while he did not have an over abundance of it, he believes in doing good with it at home. His concern has always supported charities, athletics, and other worthy causes here.

CHURCH IS TO BE OPENED SUNDAY

DELAYED OPENING OF PRESBY-
TERIAN CHURCH WILL BE
HELD SUNDAY.

During the weeks just past the Presbyterian Church has been closed, as many people are aware, for the purpose of repair, redecorating and repainting. It has now been announced that the work has been completed and that the services at that institution will start again next Sunday.

In appearance the Church looks like a new building, no detail either in the interior or exterior which needed attention having been overlooked during the progress of the work during the summer months. The Ladies Aid Society, by whom very much of the work has been directed and financed, is proposing to purchase a new carpet for the auditorium, and new dishes for the kitchen.

The redecorating of the Church has been in the hands of Kover & Son of Fort Wayne, Indiana, one of the few exclusive church decorating firms in the country. Since 1861 this firm has decorated over 3,000 churches in various sections. Five coats of encaustic paint were used in covering the church walls. The ceiling and upper side walls are a beautiful cream color blending from light cream at the top through five different shades to a rich tan at the bottom. The beams of the ceiling and capitals of the columns are in ivory, and the lower side walls are amber. The whole effect is to lighten the interior of the Church and give it beauty and simplicity, which makes it exceedingly attractive. The repairs and most of the painting have been under the supervision of Mr. Frank Barnes of this city.

On next Sunday rally services commencing with the Sunday school at 10:00 a. m., will be held all day. The big service of the day will be the rededication and consecration at 11:00 a. m. A special musical program is planned. In the evening in addition to the meetings of the High School and College Christian Endeavor societies, the first of the evening services of the fall will be held. In the evening Rev. Gelston will speak on "Echoes of the Synod."

Duffey Returns To Alma Again

Rev. M. W. Duffey, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city is to return to Alma for another year, the Methodist conference held at Albion this past week confirming his re-appointment to Alma on Monday. Word of his return to this city for another year was warmly greeted by the congregation of the Church and by his many friends in this city.

M. E. pastors in nearby cities who are assigned for the coming year follow: Bannister, S. C. L. Schueter; Breckenridge, Henry Liddicott; Carson City, F. G. Dunbar; Elsie, W. M. Jones; Ithaca, J. R. T. Lahrop; Middleton, R. E. Yost; North Star, H. A. Carr; St. Louis, W. B. Oldt; Wheeler, R. W. Bell.

CONVENTION TODAY

The Republican county convention for the selection of thirteen delegates to the Republican state convention to be held on September 28 at Muskegon, is being held in Ithaca this afternoon.

Immediately preceding the convention the nominees on the county Republican ticket met at the court house and selected the county committee that is to serve for the next two years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE IN ITHACA

COUNTY SEAT WILL BE SCENE
OF THE CONVENTION SAT-
URDAY AND SUNDAY.

Is the Thirty-Sixth Association Meeting

The thirty-sixth annual Sunday School convention of the Gratiot County Sunday School Association will be held at Ithaca on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24, and is expected to draw a large number of people from every section of the county. Charles Bloss will be the presiding officer at the convention.

An unusually attractive and instructive program has been arranged for the convention, which is certain to bring out some of the various phases of Sunday School work that are now holding a deep interest because of their importance in this connection.

A strong program is being arranged for the young peoples' conference to be held Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church and this is giving promise of being one of the real features of the convention.

Basket dinner will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Coffee will be furnished.

Those who expect to attend the convention should remember that the convention will be called on Sun time.

The program follows:

Saturday

9:30—A. Registration, B. Assignment, c. Acquaintanceship.

10:00—Service of Song and Prayer.

Rev. G. D. Yinger, Song Leader.

10:15—A. Who's Who, b. Introductions, c. Oral responses from all present.

10:30—Morning Symposium: 1

Hints for Pastors, Rev. W. L. Gelston; 2 Hints for Superintendents, Rev. F. G. Morse; 3 Hints for Teachers, Rev. H. R. Strong; 4 Hints for Pupils, Rev. L. L. Dewey; Song, Yinger Quartette.

11:30—Morning Meditation, Rev. L. L. Dewey.

11:35—Address or Lecture—"The Need and Outlook in Religious Education," Dr. J. H. Engle; Solo, Rev. D. L. Moody.

11:55—Announcements

12:00—Luncheon

1:00—Meeting of County Executive Committee with State Representative.

1:15—Service of Song and Prayer.

Rev. L. R. May, Leader. Solo, Rev. D. L. Moody.

2:00—"Defining the Divisions of the Sunday School," J. H. Engle. Announcements. Appointment of Committees.

2:30 to 4:30—Parallel Divisional Conferences, "Organization and Objectives," Adults, Dr. J. H. Engle, Children, Miss Irene Roebenbach. A Meeting of Executive committee. b. Inspection of books and display. Evening Meal.

7:30—Service of Song, Rev. L. R. May, Leader. Demonstration, C. A. Wright. Solo, Rev. D. L. Moody. Selection, Yinger Quartette.

8:00—Evening Meditation, Rev. L. L. Dewey. Convention Offering.

8:20—Address, Dr. J. H. Engle.

Sunday

9:00—(or 8:30)—Meeting of Board of Directors, C. E. Room, Presbyterian Church.

9:30—Scripture, Hymn and Prayer, Rev. H. W. Stillman. Song, Yinger Quartette. Morning Symposium, "To Be Well Educated," 1 "Know Thyself," Rev. Wm. Roberts; 2 "Know the World," Rev. H. W. Stillman; 3 "To Know God," Rev. G. D. Yinger.

10:00—A Two-Fold Look: a. Review of the Year; b. Plans for the Future; c. Election of Officers; d. Installation; e. Announcements.

11:00—Morning Meditation, Rev. L. L. Dewey.

11:20—Address (Round Table or Question Drawer), Miss Roebenbach. Luncheon. Administrative Conferences.

1:30 to 3:00—Parallel Divisional Conferences—"Activities and Programs," Adults, Dr. J. H. Engle. Young People, Clement Yinger. Children, Miss Roebenbach. Secretary's Report, Dr. M. G. Skinner. Duet, Rev. D. L. Moody and Rev. Lettrel. Address, Dr. J. H. Engle.

7:30—Service of Song, Community Chorus, Rev. L. R. May, Leader.

8:00—Evening Meditation, Rev. Wm. Roberts. Conference Offering.

8:20—Address.

9:00—Prayer. Benediction. Adjournment.

Wood For Sale—Dry beech and maple. Phone 267 or see Rudeck, 308 Prospect.—advertisement

In 1644 Liverpool, England, was a small fishing village surrounded by a high mud wall.

College Attendance Keeps Increasing

The attendance of Alma College, which opened a week ago yesterday, continues to show a good increase and the fifteen per cent increase in registration in the four regular college classes, which was tabulated a week ago has now grown to twenty per cent and it is very probable that some few more students will still enter these classes.

The attendance in the four regular classes is now greater than was the total attendance at any time last year.

With the special students and others included in the count it is almost a certainty that the figures this year will hit the 300 mark before the college year has come to a close. This means that the banner attendance records of Alma College, created a year ago, have already gone by the boards and that new attendance records are now in the making.

REMEMBERED IN BARKLEY WILL

LATE CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES
WILLS A SCHOLARSHIP, LI-
BRARY AND CHAIR.

The late Dr. James M. Barkley, a member of the board of trustees of Alma College for a decade, and for several years the chairman of the board, who devoted the major portion of his efforts during the last few years to the college endowment because of his great desire to see Alma College live and prosper and become a still greater institution, did not forget the college for which he had worked so hard when he made his will, it was disclosed when this instrument was opened, following his death in Detroit recently.

A chair, the Barkley-Duffield chair, which has a history, was willed to the college and probably will find a resting place in the museum. It was used by Dr. Duffield in his study for years. He was, it will be remembered, the first general moderator of the Presbyterian church from Michigan. When Dr. James Barkley was elected as the moderator of the Presbyterian church in America the chair was presented to him by Dr. Duffield's son. For many years Dr. Barkley used the chair in his study. Now this chair with its intimate associations with the two great churches of Michigan, is the property of Michigan's Presbyterian College.

He also remembered the college and also the Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church of Detroit where he was pastor for thirty years. This was done through the establishment of the Forest Avenue Presbyterian Church scholarship at Alma College. He willed the sum of \$1,500 to the College for this purpose.

Another gift to Alma College by the will of Dr. Barkley was his private library, with the exception of a few volumes which are reserved as keepsakes for some of his friends. This library is a large one and will make a valuable addition to the library at the college.

American Legion Auxiliary Meets

The American Legion Auxiliary resumed its work, after a vacation during the months of July and August, by holding a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shook on Republic Avenue, Sept. 14. At this time a report of the State Convention recently held in Ann Arbor, was given by Mrs. P. W. Creaser, who was a delegate to that convention. After a discussion of the suggestions obtained at the convention which were of interest to the Alma chapter of the Auxiliary, plans were discussed for this winter's work which, according to present indications, will be much heavier than that of the two preceding years, due to the developing ravages of the disease provoked by the vicious gas attacks.

There are a number of prospects for new members and the present indications are this will be a very good year in the history of this organization.

At the next meeting which will be held according to regular schedule the 28th of this month in the rooms of the American Legion in the City Hall, the regular election will be held for the officers for the next year. This is partly necessary because of the fact the society is now without a president or vice-president, due to resignations.

At the close of business the hostess served a dainty luncheon which added to the enjoyment of the occasion, after which Mr. Shook kindly took the members to their homes with his car.

The hope is expressed that by the means of recently invented diving apparatus it will be possible for divers to reach the treasure of the Lusitania.

YOUNG MAN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE LAST SATURDAY

CLARENCE HUMPHREY IN HOS-
PITAL IN CRITICAL CONDI-
TION AS RESULT.

Hopes Held for His Recovery

Clarence Humphrey, aged 21 years, living on Grove avenue, was possibly fatally injured last Saturday when struck by an automobile, driven by Merritt E. Root, 1003 East Superior street. The accident took place on Superior street, about midway of the block between State and Woodworth. It seems that young Humphrey started to cross the street in the middle of the block from the north side of the street towards the south side. Root was driving from the west towards the east with the intention of stopping, he said, at the Recreation Parlor.

Investigation indicates that he was proceeding at a very ordinary rate of speed, and as he approached the alley in the middle of the block, he noticed young Humphrey almost directly in front of his car. He attempted an abrupt turn, north towards the alley, and apparently just at the same moment Humphrey saw the auto and attempted to get out of the way, but went in the same direction that Root attempted to turn.

The car crashed into Humphrey, who was knocked over, hitting on his head. Bystanders immediately rushed to the scene, and Root as quickly as he could being his automobile to a stop, jumped out, and attempted to aid the lad. He was picked up in a dazed and semi-unconscious condition and quickly taken to Brainerd hospital.

He is still at the hospital and is reported as being in a very serious condition as the result of his head striking the pavement with such force, and while his recovery is hoped for, his condition is very serious.

Low Apple Market Lesson to Grower

Pointing to the fact that some apple growers in Michigan are making profits of \$150 an acre in spite of a poor market, Prof. V. R. Gardner of the horticultural department at Michigan Agricultural College lays stress upon the value of correct cultural methods for orcharists and declares that "well-grown, perfect winter apples always find a market."

Favorable growing conditions and reasonable care on the part of orchard owners have caused the state yield of apples to be unusually large, but orchards in other sections are also producing great quantities and the result has been a slump in the market. Prof. Gardner admits the situation is not ideal, yet he says it is bad only by comparison and then not so bad as it might be. He cites the case of one central Michigan grower who recently sold his crop of standard winter apples at a figure that will leave him \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel clear, over and above all producing, picking and handling costs.

"This is not a large margin of profit," says Prof. Gardner, "not so large as it should be, but it means that this year that farm will show a balance on the right side of the ledger. Some will say that this grower has simply been lucky. It wasn't luck. The fruit was sold in open competition with the product from other orchards to an experienced buyer who knows the value of apples and who doesn't pay more than they are worth. It was simply a case of this grower having first-class fruit that had been thoroughly sprayed and well-grown. It was sound. It was worth the money, even as the market is today, and the buyer knew it."

"The lesson is clear. Well-grown, perfect winter apples always find a market. The more unsettled the general market conditions are, the greater is the relative advantage of the grower with the better grade of fruit. The good grower, the grower with good apples, is not discouraged. His experience has taught him that good cultural methods pay. The man who has not given his orchard good care and this year finds his product a drug on the market should not be disheartened. Instead he should plan to prune, spray and fertilize in such a manner next season that, regardless of general market conditions, the advantage will be on his side."

HEALTH SOCIETY TO ELECT

An important meeting of the Gratiot County Good Health Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. V. H. Shepard, Alma, on Saturday, September 23, at 2:30 o'clock. Officers are to be elected at this meeting and it is requested that a good attendance be present if possible.

Large Barn Was Burned on Friday

A large barn on the farm of Earl Nelson, about three miles southeast of St. Louis was completely destroyed by flames late Friday afternoon, with a loss that is expected to reach very close to \$5,000.

The cause of the blaze is a mystery. So far as could be ascertained no one had been on the south side of the large barn, where the fire is believed to have started, for some little time, and nothing definite has since been learned that would seem to give an explanation for the fire.

At first it was feared that the sparks from the barn might light on the house and set a fire there and the fire department was summoned from St. Louis. It went to the farm just as quickly as possible. The firemen did all that they could to aid, but nothing that could be done could help in stopping the blaze at the barn.

There were between 30 and 40 tons of hay in the barn and a considerable amount of other material. A silo was being filled at the time of the fire, and this with the filler, was also destroyed. The livestock was removed to safety.

Mr. Nelson purchased the farm this past spring, and had just recently caused the insurance to be transferred to himself. Little insurance was carried.

BONUS BILL IS GIVEN THE VETO

DOUBTED IF CONGRESS CAN
PASS THE MEASURE OVER
PRESIDENT'S VETO.

President Warren G. Harding on Tuesday vetoed the soldiers' bonus bill, which had been championed in the lower house of congress and introduced in that house by the Honorable Joseph W. Fordney of the eighth congressional district. President Harding in a written message to congress said that he did not subscribe to the provisions of the bill, although he was in accord with its purpose.

In returning the bill to congress President Harding gave among the reasons the following:

The failure of congress to provide a means of financing under the bill. That inevitably the bonus bill would mean increased taxation. That the legislature would wipe out everything that the government had done to reduce governmental expenditures wherever possible.

That a peace bestowal on the ex-service men was a perversion of public funds and suggested that future defense might be inspired by compensation rather than consciousness of duty to flag and country.

That to adopt one-sixth of the total sum of the public debt for distribution among fewer than 3,000,000 of 110,000,000 people would undermine the confidence on which the nation's credit was founded.

That the \$10,000,000 of maturing public debt in the next six years would be difficult to meet without the complication of added borrowings on account of the bonus.

That the bonus would not diminish the later obligation in the way of pensions to the World War veterans.

It is believed in Washington that the veto does away with the prospect of a soldier bonus for some time at least, as it is understood that those favoring the bonus, while certain to shove it through the house again, cannot muster the votes that are needed in the senate to pass it over the veto of the President. It is expected that both houses and senate will have acted on the bill again before tonight.

Were Married Here Yesterday

On Wednesday morning, Sept. 20th at 6:15 at St. Mary's church occurred the marriage of Mrs. Mary T. Duffy of Alma and Mr. Bert Little of Rosebush. The bride was attired in a very pretty navy blue tulle dress as was also her bridesmaid, Mrs. Nina Follett of Muskegon. Mr. Bert Little, Jr., a nephew of the groom assisted the groom.

After the ceremony the bridal couple left on a short wedding trip to the Western part of the state after which they will be at home to their many friends at Rosebush where they will make their future home. The bride was for several years employed at the Michigan Masonic Home of Alma.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 19th a party was given in honor of the bride at the Masonic Home.

Wood For Sale—Dry beech and maple. Phone 267 or see Rudeck, 308 Prospect.—advertisement

Cider barrels for sale. Superior Bakery—advertisement, 70-2wks.

PAVING WORK IS TO BE RESUMED YET THIS WEEK

WORK ON WEST END AND ON
PINE AVENUE TO BE FIN-
ISHED THIS FALL.

To Do Away with Bad Pine Corner

Work has been put under way again on Alma's 1922 paving program and there is every hope that the work may be completed before cold weather sets in. The work which still remains to be finished is on West End street and the paving of Pine avenue from the north line of Superior street to the north line of Walnut street. It will probably take from four to six weeks to complete this work, depending to some extent on the readiness with which material can be secured.

The paving program was held up by the coal strike, which brought about a big shortage in cement. Coal is extensively used in producing cement and the lack of this commodity caused nearly all of the cement mills in the country to close temporarily during the final weeks of the nationwide coal strike.

The work on West End street was well under way when conditions became such that cement could not be secured. The excavating work had been entirely completed, and the curb and gutter was all constructed and about half of the paving had been laid. It will be a matter of only a few days to complete the paving on this street, but it will be necessary to keep the street closed for about three weeks while the paving is getting set.

It is very probable that the excavating work for the paving on Pine street will be put under way before the end of the present week. The contractors, Holmes, Crane & Bartling, plan to rush this work just as rapidly as possible and it is expected that it will be completed before freezing weather sets in. This street is usually in a very poor condition in the spring and it is greatly desired to have the work completed this fall. Unless unforeseen difficulties are encountered in getting material from four to six weeks will see this work brought to a conclusion.

In connection with this work the city is planning on widening the outlet of Pine onto Superior so as to do away with the bad turn from Pine to the east on Superior, one of the worst and most dangerous corners in the city. This dangerous turn is to be remedied by bridging over a part of the race, where it cuts into Pine street, narrowing this street at its outlet to about half of its ordinary width.

This is to be done by extending the bridge over the race on Superior street on the Pine street side, north for a distance of 4 feet, on the east side of the race bridge the extension will go 6 feet north from the bridge. This near triangle piece is to be bridged over with concrete and steel.

Another thing that will aid in making a better corner will be the widening of the race bridge to the south on Superior. This is to be accomplished by including the present foot-path over the bridge into the traffic zone of the bridge. New beams will be put across just south of and adjoining the present bridge and a steel and concrete walk constructed. Thus instead of the street narrowing at the race bridge the walk will continue practically straight, as will the south side of the street on Superior at the approach to the bridge.

Fortunately there have been no bad accidents at this corner, but it does not lessen the fact that it is the most dangerous corner in the city at the present time so dangerous in fact that motorists have already used considerable caution there, and the very fact that it has already been known as a dangerous corner has probably accounted for the fact that there have been only a few minor accidents there.

Ferris in County on Next Tuesday

Hon. Woodbridge N. Ferris will speak upon the issues of this campaign at the following places Tuesday, September 26th, 1922, namely: At Ithaca, at Brown's Opera House at 1:30 o'clock p. m.; at St. Louis at 3:30 o'clock p. m.; and at Alma at 8:00 o'clock p. m. in the Dallas block over the postoffice.

Mr. Ferris, who is the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator, is one of the great men of Michigan, an excellent and entertaining orator and is presenting the issues of the day in a masterly and efficient manner. No one should miss his presentation of the issues of the hour at one of the above places. Good music in attendance.